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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 632

File No. 284

Cal. No. 192

**"AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE FOR DAIRY FARMERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
4 Agriculture and the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
5 Development, within available resources and in consultation with the  
6 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, shall, not later than  
7 January 1, 2009, jointly make recommendations and any proposed  
8 legislative changes to the joint standing committees of the General  
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture, energy  
10 and public utilities, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
11 statutes, regarding actions that may be taken to lower agricultural fuel,  
12 electricity and other costs of production.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
14 Agriculture and the Commissioner of Economic and Community

15 Development shall, not later than January 1, 2009, within available  
16 resources, jointly make recommendations and any proposed legislative  
17 changes to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
18 having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture, in accordance  
19 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding actions that may  
20 be taken to increase Connecticut dairy industry revenues. Such  
21 recommendations shall include a detailed analysis of the positive  
22 impact the dairy industry has on the overall Connecticut economy.

23 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established, within  
24 available appropriations, the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board which  
25 shall be within the Department of Agriculture.

26 (b) The board shall consist of nine members: (1) One appointed by  
27 the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a Connecticut licensed  
28 dairy producer and a member of a dairy cooperative; (2) one  
29 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a  
30 Connecticut licensed milk producer and a member of a dairy  
31 cooperative; (3) one appointed by the speaker of the House of  
32 Representatives, who shall be an independent Connecticut licensed  
33 milk producer; (4) one appointed by the minority leader of the House  
34 of Representatives, who shall be a Connecticut licensed milk producer  
35 and a member of a dairy cooperative; (5) one appointed by the  
36 minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a Connecticut licensed milk  
37 producer and a member of a dairy cooperative; (6) one appointed by  
38 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a  
39 member of a state-wide health and nutrition organization promoting  
40 consumer interests; (7) the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the  
41 commissioner's designee; and (8) the chairpersons of the joint standing  
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
43 relating to agriculture, who shall be ex-officio members without the  
44 right to vote. The board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-  
45 chairperson from among its members. Any person absent from (A)  
46 three consecutive meetings of the commission, or (B) fifty per cent of  
47 such meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have  
48 resigned from the board, effective immediately. Vacancies on the

49 board shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members of the  
 50 board serve without compensation but shall, within the limits of  
 51 available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the  
 52 performance of their duties. The board shall meet as often as deemed  
 53 necessary by the chairperson or a majority of the board.

54 (c) The board shall: (1) Develop, coordinate and implement  
 55 promotional, research and other programs designed to promote  
 56 Connecticut dairy farms and milk consumption; and (2) prepare and  
 57 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
 58 having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture an annual report  
 59 concerning its activities.

60 (d) The board may use such funds as may be available from federal,  
 61 state or other sources and may enter into contracts to carry out the  
 62 purposes of this section.

63 (e) The board may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67 of the  
 64 general statutes, employ any necessary staff within such available  
 65 funds or appropriations.

66 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
 67 Agriculture, not later than October 1, 2008, within available resources,  
 68 shall work with the United States Department of Agriculture and any  
 69 other appropriate government agencies to secure certification of the  
 70 Connecticut Milk Promotion Board."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section